GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY TO TEMPLES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an armed robbery attempt was made on Birla Mandir, New Delhi in the second week of January, 2003 to loot ornaments worth Rs.5 crore from the sanctum sanctorum; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide more security to this and other temples in Delhi in view of the increasing terrorist activities in Delhi?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. However, Delhi Police have made appropriate arrangements to ensure the security of important religious places in Delhi. These include deployment of plain-clothes policemen near religious places; and additional force during important festivals.